

United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
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Richard T. Haik, Sr.
 Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
 Education: Southwestern Louisiana 1971 BS; Loyola (New Orleans) 1975 JD
 Began Service: June 14, 1991
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court (1984-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate, Haik & Broussard (1975-1979); Partner, Haik, Broussard & Haik (1979-1981); Partner, Haik, Haik & Minvielle (1981-1984); Partner, Verret Partnership (1982-1985)

Military Service: Louisiana National Guard (1971-1978); United States Army Reserve (1978-1984)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Iberia Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bench Bar Committee, Louisiana State Bar Association

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Rebecca F. Doherty
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
 Education: Northwestern State 1973 BA, 1975 MA; LSU 1981 JD
 Began Service: November 18, 1991
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Onebane, Donohoe, Bernard, Torian, Diaz, McNamara & Abell (1981-1991)

Current Memberships: Acadian Association of Women Attorneys; American Bar Association; Lafayette Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

Staff

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Tucker L. Melançon
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
 Education: LSU 1968 BS; Tulane 1973 JD
 Began Service: 1994
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Member of Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Laco Premium Plan Incorporated (1985); Member, Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Southeast Central Louisiana Premium Finance Company (1987); Member, Advisory Board, Catalyst Old River Hydroelectric Partnership (1989-1992)

Corporate: Member, Board of Directors, Catalyst Vidalia Corporation (1992-1994)

Legal Practice: Knoll & Knoll (1973-1975); Sole Practitioner (1975-1983); Partner, Melancon & Rabalais (1984)

Current Memberships: The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

Staff

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Robert G. James
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
 Education: Louisiana Tech 1968 BA; LSU 1971 JD
 Began Service: October 31, 1998
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge (part time), Ruston City Court (1985-1998); Judge Pro Tempore, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Lincoln and Union Parishes (1993-1997)

Legal Practice: Associate, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (1971-1972); Partner, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (and successor firms) (1972-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judges Association; Louisiana Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Tech University Foundation; The Nature Conservancy

Staff

Law Clerk **Kayla D. May** (318) 322-6230
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Dee D. Drell
 District Judge

Date of Birth: November 4, 1947
 Education: Tulane 1968 BA, 1971 JD
 Began Service: May 9, 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Gravel, Roy and Burnes (1975-1981); Member, Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell (1981-2003)

Military Service: Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1971-1975)

Current Memberships: Alexandria Bar Association; American Bar Association; The Crossroads Inn of Court of Alexandria-Pineville, The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Louisiana State Bar Association

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S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.
 District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1952
 Education: Texas Christian 1974 BA; LSU 1977 JD
 Began Service: June 12, 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Current Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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Patricia Head Minaldi
 District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958
 Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD
 Began Service: June 16, 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Current Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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Note: District Judge Tom Stagg assumed "Senior" status as of February 29, 1992.

Tom Stagg
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1923
 Education: LSU 1943 BA, 1949 JD
 Began Service: 1974
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Legal Practice: Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook & Hargrove (1949-1954); Senior Partner, Stagg, Cady & Beard (1958-1974)

Military Service: United States Army (1943-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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Donald E. Walter
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
 Education: LSU 1961 BA, 1964 JD
 Began Service: July 15, 1985
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Centenary College

Government: U.S. Attorney, Louisiana - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977)

Legal Practice: Cavanaugh, Brame, Holt & Woodley (1964-1966); Holt & Woodley (1966-1969); Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow (1978-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1957-1958)

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